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COOK COUNTY ALUMNI PLAN BANQUET

PRESIDENT TO ORGANIZE NEW UNITS

SCHEDULES MEETINGS
IN TOLEDO AND TIFFIN
FOR JANUARY 10, 11

Two new Alumni Chapters, one in Toledo and one in Tiffin, O., will be organized early in January, according to an announcement made by the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., Father Dirksen S. T. D., president of St. Joseph's College.



A meeting will be held in Toledo, January 10, after the St. Joe College-DeSales and St. Joe high school-Central Catholic games. The Very Rev. Msgr. Max Walz, '10-'14, is in charge of arrangements. Announcements will be sent to alumni in the Toledo area which includes Genoa, Gibsonburg, Marblehead, Maumee, Oak Harbor, Perrysburg, and Rossford.

Father Dirksen expects to be in Tiffin the following night, January 11, to organize the alumni of Tiffin and area, which includes, Alvada, Carey, Bellevue, Fostoria, Frank, Fremont, Millersburg, Monroeville, Napoleon, New Riegel, New Washington, Norwalk, Sandusky, St. Stephen, Swanton, Tiro, and Willard.

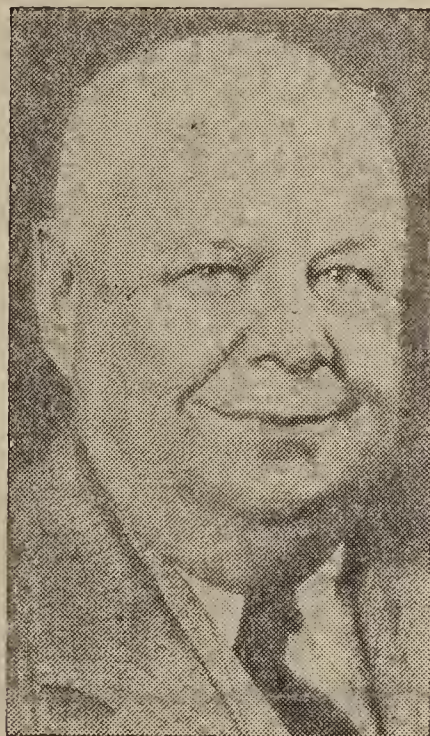
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DELPHOS FETES TEAM

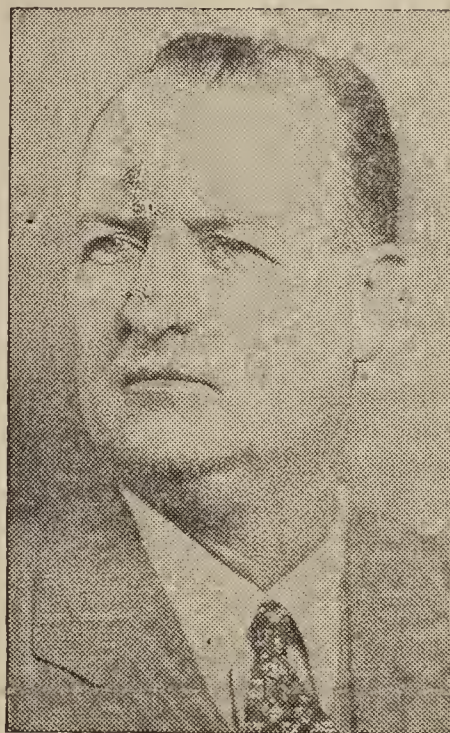
DELPHOS, O.—The St. Joe and St. John's high school teams were guests of the Delphos Chapter, Sunday night, December 10.

The banquet, arranged by Otto Birkmeier, '06-'09, was held after the Collegeville quintet had defeated St. John's, 31-22. Dick Trame, graduate of the class of '38, is coach of the Delphos basketball team.

WELL KNOWN IN SOUTH BEND



EDMUND A. WILLS



J. M. DONAHUE

(Photos Courtesy South Bend Tribune)

Alumni Donahue and Wills Prominent in Northern Indiana

SOUTH BEND.—"The greatest pleasure of my college life was the work I was permitted to do during the four years I was a member of *The Collegian* staff," said Edmund A. Wills, an attorney who has more irons in the fire than a blacksmith during busy season.

Mr. Wills, who studied at St. Joe from January 1897 to June 1903, was editor of *The Collegian* in '02-'03.

"I frequently think of the very unusual religious atmosphere at St. Joseph's as evidenced by the solid piety of the priests, brothers, and students," Alumnus Wills said. "The high scholastic attainment of the faculty and the democracy of faculty and students are among my most cherished memories."

Mr. Wills is local appraiser and attorney for the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, for mortgage loans. He is frequent financial representative and attorney for Bishop John F. Noll and the

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SOUTH BEND.—The life story of Joseph F. Donahue, '05-'08, reads like an Horatio Alger novel.

After leaving St. Joe, Mr. Donahue began working his way through Notre Dame as a waiter in the dining hall and as an agent for the South Bend Laundry. After a year and a half of this, financial conditions forced him to give up his schooling. He then became a salesman for the Underwood Typewriting Company.

The St. Joe alumnus was married in 1913 to Laura Kaufer at South Bend. Four children were born. Two are living. Mr. Donahue's only son, Joe, was killed in an automobile accident in September, 1935.

For a time, Mr. Donahue was sales manager of the McHenry Millhouse Mfg. Company with factories in South Bend, Fulton, New York and Baltimore. He left the company to become vice-president of the Tilo Roofing Company in New York. He returned to South Bend a year later to purchase five

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ST. JOE GRADS TO PLAY HOSTS TO STUDENTS

HAGSTROM ANNOUNCES
COLLEGE INN PLACE
FOR DINNER MEETING

(Picture on Page Four)

CHICAGO.—Thirty-eight St. Joe students will be guests of the Cook County Alumni Chapter at a banquet, 7 p. m. Wednesday, January 3, in the College Inn, of the Hotel Sherman.

Guest speakers will probably be Warren Brown, sports editor of the Chicago Herald-American, and Jack Elder, of Notre Dame fame and present C. Y. O. director in Chicago.

Movies will be shown of St. Joe football games and student activities.

INVITE FACULTY MEMBERS

Invitations are being sent to the Very Rev. Joseph Marling, C.P.P.S., Ph. D., '18-'23, provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood; the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S. T. D., '14-'20, Coach Dienhart president of St. Joseph's; the Rev. Sylvester Ley, C.P.P.S., '13-'18, chaplain of Cook County Alumni Chapter; the Rev. Fred Fehrenbacher, C.P.P.S., '12-'22, vice-president of St. Joseph's; the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., '18-'23, athletic Director, Coach Joe Dienhart, and Edward Fischer, '28-'34.



HAGSTROM EXPECTS 100

J. Gordon Hagstrom, '19-'24, general chairman of arrangements and president of the Cook County Chapter, announces that 75 tickets have been sold already, and that the sale is expected to jump the 100 mark.

Committeemen are: membership, John Kallal, '17-'19; Paul

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REMEMBER FIRST RADIO?

The leading story in *The College Cheer* of December 16, 1922, read as follows:

"Ever keeping pace with well founded enterprises in educational, athletic, and diverse movements, St. Joseph's has installed one of the finest radio outfits found in any educational institution in the Middle West. The athletic director, Father Albin Scheidler, C.P.P.S., who is supervising the work of construction, is leaving nothing undone to attain perfection in the movement.

"With the present world wide interest in radio telegraphy it is perhaps a requisite for an institution of this kind to possess an outfit. The present interest shown by the students is a good criterion that this outfit will be an asset to St. Joe. In addition to the connection on the basketball gallery which will insure the reports of athletic and ephemeral news, there will be an installment in Alumni Hall for musical concerts and other items of interest. It is hoped that concerts will be a regular feature.

"The set will have a very wide radius and with good atmospheric conditions we should reach any station in the United States. Thus added interest and enthusiasm in the country's activities will begin with our first concert, which, it is hoped, will be before Christmas."

You probably smiled when you read the above paragraphs. You find it difficult to realize that there was a time when spectators at a basketball game would become silent during the half to listen to a radio presentation of Harry Snodgrass singing "The Prisoner's Song," or "Three O'Clock in the Morning."

Years from now you will probably smile when *CONTACT* quotes several paragraphs from the November 29, 1939 issue of *Stuff*. You will be amused to read that on November 20, 1939, students and faculty members gathered in Alumni Hall to witness a television demonstration. You will say, "Television is so common now, that no one thinks much of it anymore. It's hard to imagine that at one time college students and faculty gathered in an auditorium just to see a television set in operation."

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Teach in Terre Haute

Three Alumni, the Rev. George Saum, '18-'23; the Rev. Robert Gorman, Ph. D., '20-'24, and the Rev. Daniel Nolan, '27-'30, are chaplains and professors at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, Terre Haute, Ind.

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Dick Palmer Takes Step

Miss Louise Veit, of Wapakoneta, O., became the bride of Richard Palmer, '33-'35, of Lima, O., on November 18.

THANK YOU MR. LONSWAY!

We've often wondered whether or not anyone reads *CONTACT*. A letter from Eugene Lonsway, '98-'04, head of the Lonsway Printery, Fostoria, O., has us believing that at least one Alumnus reads the publication. He writes:

"Just received copies of *Stuff* and that ever welcome precious pamphlet aptly termed *CONTACT*.

"There seems to be a wealth of information crowded in those four small pages, some quite sad but mostly happy news.

"Both Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice O'Connor and Father Kloeters, C.P.P.S., were students during my time at St. Joe.

"However, when learning of the appointment of the Very Rev. Monsignor 'Bill' Arnold as Chief of the U. S. Army Chaplains, and the worthwhile position held by 'Choppers' Henry B. Froning at Notre Dame, we surely feel very happy with them.

"I also remember Father Paulinus Trost and many of his paintings very well. Also noticed from the picture of Father Kuhn-muench that he wears the same smile of yore, and that his hair is in keeping with the season.

"I really find the entire *CONTACT* very interesting.

"When imparting some of the information gleaned from a previous issue to my brother, he informed me that he did not receive the periodical. He would be highly pleased to receive it. Send it to Austin Lonsway, 1117 South Limestone street, Springfield, O.

"Sincere good wishes for yourselves and all connected with the college."

Receive Orders at Carthage

Fourteen graduates of the class of '34 became deacons December 3, at St. Charles' Seminary, Carthage, O. They are: Richard Dirksen, Michael Storm, John Sheehan, Herbert Eilerman, Arnold Meiring, Anthony Migoni, Valerian Volin, Vincent Nels, Victor Kreinbrink, Norbert Sulkowski, Robert Wuest, John Hamme, Bernard Schmitt, and Anthony Traser.

The following twenty members of the class of '35 received subdiaconate: Herman Herbst, Richard Baird, August Wolf, William Higgins, Hugh Hasson, Norman Heckman, Edward McCarthy, George Heinzen, Harold Roth, Rudolf Bierberg, Ambrose Heiman, Leonard Kostka, Victor Ranly, Gerard Krapf, John Samis, Henry Martin, Edward Maziarz, Werner Hemmelgarn, Bernard Mores and Norbert Loshe.

Kaple Weds Rensselaer Girl

Miss Helen Bertsch, of Rensselaer, became the bride of Robert Kaple, '34-'37, of Ottawa, O., on October 21.

The Rev. Urban J. Koehl, '08-'13, has entered the Trappist monastery, at Getsemane, Ky. Until recently, Father Koehl was pastor at St. Rita church, Shiloh Springs, O.

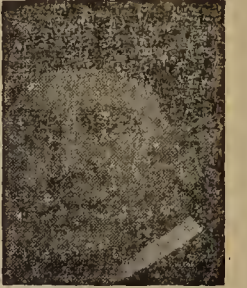
Harry A. Kahle, '21-'25, is operating the Batavia Oil Company, Batavia, O.

TURN BACK THE CLOCK

D. W. Griffith's latest dramatic thunderbolt, "Orphans of the Storm" was presented in Alumni Hall, on Tuesday evening, October 17, under the auspices of St. Joseph's Mission Unit.—*The College Cheer*, October, 28, 1922.

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The Collegian was founded November 1, 1894 by the Rev. Max Walz, C.P.P.S., pioneer professor at St. Joseph's. In the first issue appear such names as J. F. Cogan, T. M. Conroy, and L. A. Eberle. Father Walz is now chaplain at Kneipp Sanitarium, Rome City, Ind.



Father Walz

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Thanksgiving at St. Joe isn't what it used to be. The shift of the observance from the last to the second last Thursday isn't the change to which we refer. It's the manner of observance that's different. In the old days we stuck together. There was no such thing as "going home privilege." Along about Tuesday, Brother Vic's mail wagon used to creak a little more than usual, and his horse leaned a little further into the harness. The packages had begun to roll in! Will you ever forget those packages? They bulged with fried chicken, devil's food cake, a jar of cranberry jelly, pickles, olives, mince pie, and most everything else found in a grocery store. Twice daily the package list was posted. And around Thanksgiving time the package list was as long as the Smith section in a city directory. The C. L. S. always presented a play on the eve of Thanksgiving. A football game between the College All-Stars and the High School All-Stars always drew blood on the main campus, Thanksgiving morning. After stuffin' themselves with a super-special dinner, the students went en masse to Rensselaer to attend a movie. Sodas and hamburgers came after the show. Then the fellows returned to the campus and put their packages on tap once more. There was never any "cutting up" in the dorm Thanksgiving night. Everyone was too tired and too full. In fact, it was so silent you could hear a rabbit limpin' through the frost as far south as Remington.

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The Alumni Association, according to the July 1897 issue of *The Collegian*, was organized June 17, 1896, just after the first class was graduated from St. Joseph's. First officers listed by the Collegian were: President, James B. Fitzpatrick; first vice-president, Christian Daniel; second vice-president, Thomas M. Conroy, and secretary, Nicholas H. Greiwe.

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Many Alumni still remember the night Edward Zahnle, '21-'23, skinned his leg while snipe hunting.

THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

Attention Alumni in Bloomington, Ill., Normal, Ill., Toledo, O., Indianapolis, Danville, Ind., and Toledo! A St. Joe team will play in your neck o' the woods before the next issue of CONTACT comes from the press.

Our high school team will play Cathedral of Indianapolis, Saturday night, December 16, at Indianapolis. The college team will meet Illinois State Normal, at Normal, Illinois, Tuesday night, December 19. The college will be in Bloomington, Ill., January 1 and 2 to play in a tournament along with such teams as Centenary, Washington U., of St. Louis, Illinois Wesleyan, and Illinois State Normal. The Pumas are scheduled to play their first tournament game at 2 p. m. Monday, January 1, against Northern Illinois Teachers. Both high school and college teams will play in Toledo, Wednesday night, January 10. The college will play DeSales and in the preliminary, the high school will play Central Catholic. On Tuesday night, January 16, the college will play Central Normal, at Danville, Ind.

Here are the home games to be played before next issue of CONTACT: The college will meet Valparaiso, December 15; Xavier, of Cincinnati, December 21. The high school will play St. Mary's, of Michigan City, December 15; DeMotte, December 21, and St. Ignatius, of Chicago, January 14.

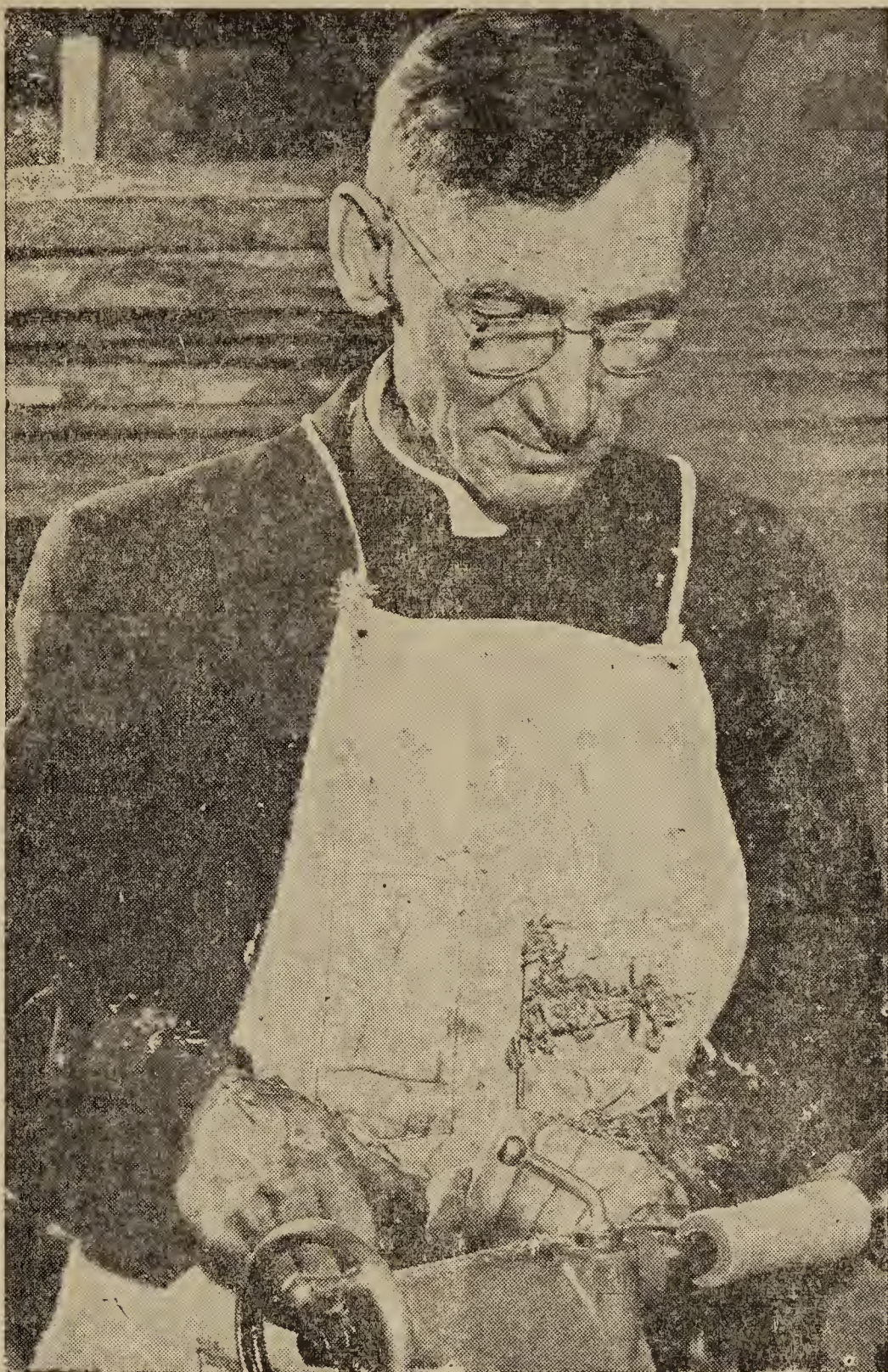
The college, so far, has won two and lost one. We lost to Illinois Wesleyan 35-29; we defeated Xavier 36-33, and Concordia 70-34.

The high school has kept its slate clean by defeating Kentland 31-28, St. John's, of Delphos, O., 31-22, and Central Catholic of Decatur, Ind., 26-13.

Dr. William Christley, '24-'25, is a dentist in Corydon, Ind.

Francis R. Bienemann, '19-'20, is president of the Security Manufacturing and Contracting Company, Burlington, Wisconsin.

ALUMNUS SHARPENS DULL MOMENTS



(Courtesy Cleveland Universe-Bulletin)

REV. JOHN L. MAURER

Magic Lathe Turns Out Sermons As Well As Woodwork, Says Priest

Have you ever heard of a magic lathe that can turn out sermons as well as woodwork?

The Rev. John L. Maurer, '13-'14, pastor of SS. Philip and James parish, at Canal Fulton, O., peered over the tops of his spectacles and said:

"I've thought out more sermons right here at this lathe than I ever have up in my library—and I have a pretty good library, too."

Father Maurer is teaching the young men of his parish to work with their hands. He thinks there's more character training in handicraft than there is in a whole college education."

Radio is another of the St. Joe alumnus' hobbies. Amplifiers, with a range of three and a half miles, are mounted in the church belfry. With these the pastor of

Canal Fulton can broadcast a sermon or a lecture to his parishioners while they sit on their front porches through a summer evening.

Historic research is another of Father Maurer's interests. During his five years at SS. Philip and James, he has tracked down Canal Fulton's long lost Gallagher cemetery, and has collected the stories concerning the close friendship that existed between President William McKinley, and Canal Fulton's former pastor, the late Rev. E. J. Vattamann.

HERE and THERE

Albert Bushkuhl, '19-'24, is manager of the Family Shoe Store, in Peru, Ind. Alumnus Bushkuhl, the father of two boys, writes: "It is my ambition to give the advantages of St. Joe to my children. I attribute the happiness and success that I have attained to the kindly guidance I received at St. Joseph's. Happiness comes through correct spiritual training; success comes through correct mental development."

When Alumni return for Homecoming or whenever two old grads meet, the question most frequently asked is: "Where is Father Meinrad now?" Here is the answer: Father Meinrad Koester, C.P.P.S., M. A., '94-'02, for many years faculty advisor of **The Collegian** staff, and Alumni historian, is now chaplain and history professor at St. Rose Convent, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.



John Ciesco, '22-'24, heads the Ciesco Insurance Brokerage, Whiting, Ind.

John Foreman, '33-'36, is inspector of electrical machinery for the United States Steel Corporation, Elyria, O.

Paul Zeller, '33-'37, is going to Kent State University, Canton, O., and is working at Aultman hospital during week-ends.

We wish to thank Herbert T. Cooney, '01-'02, Woodstock, Ill., bank president, for the invitation to attend the State Bank of Woodstock's fiftieth anniversary celebration.

Such publications as **The Sign**, **Daily American Tribune**, **Messenger of the Precious Blood**, and **Our Sunday Visitor**, have given very favorable reviews of two books, "Christian Denominations," and "The Blessed Virgin Mary," written by the Rev. Vigilius Krull, C.P.P.S., '93-'98, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul, Ottawa, O.

Cincinnati Unit Fetes Collegians In Fenwick Club

CINCINNATI.—The St. Joe basketball team was given a Dutch lunch by the Cincinnati Chapter, December 4, in the Fenwick Club, after the Pumas' 36-33 victory over Xavier.

Alumni present were the Revs. Ferdinand Vonder Haar, '13-'19; Ambrose Newton, C.P.P.S., '25-'26; John Byrne, '19-'25; Henry Schaeffer, '15-'20; Ferdinand Evans, '26-'28, and Albin Ratermann, '18-'24, all of Cincinnati; Henry Hoelker, '17-'18; Norbert Schuck, '18-'22, president of the Cincinnati Chapter; James (Pete) O'Brien, '16-'21; Paul Huelsman, and Joseph Ratermann, '33-'38, all of Cincinnati, and Tom Neff, '20-'24 and Joe Dober, of Aurora, Ind.

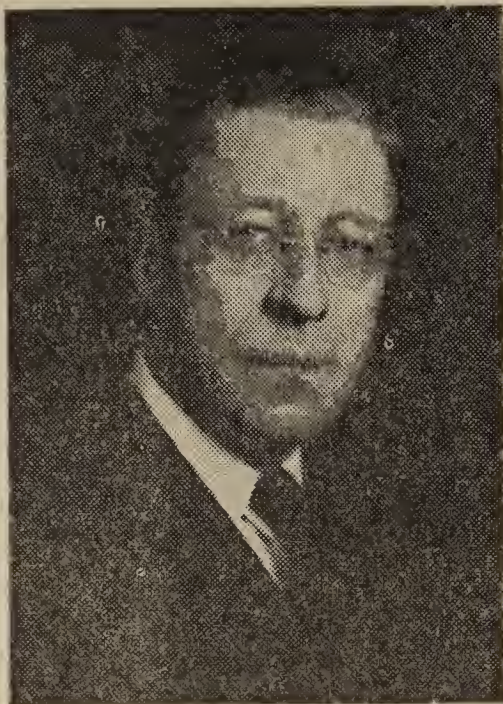
The faculty was represented by the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., '18-'23, athletic director; the Rev. Werner Rauh, '18-'23, C.P.P.S., dean of men, and Edward Fischer, '28-'34.

COOK COUNTY ALUMNI PLAN STUDENT DINNER

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Kirchner, '16-'19; Medard Gabel, '18-'21; Emmett Jeffers, '20-'24; public relations, Carl Schmidt, '13-'17; John Putz, '18-'22; Oscar Sieben, '21-'25; Clarence Sieben, '21-'23; George Greishaber, '32-'36; entertainment, William Codrington, '16-'18; Frank Pischke, '20-'23; George Rick, '20-'24, and F. C. Quirk, Jr., '22-'24.

HEAD MAN



J. GORDON HAGSTROM

"It'll be the biggest thing since the Chicago fire," said J. Gordon Hagstrom, '19-'24, president of the Cook County Alumni Unit, when speaking of the Alumni-Student banquet to be sponsored by his Chapter, at 7 p. m. Wednesday, January 3, in the College Inn, of the Hotel Sherman.

J. M. DONAHUE MAKES NAME IN SOUTH BEND

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lumber yards, now known as the South Bend Lumber Company, of which he is president.

Alumnus Donahue is also president of the Great Lakes Distributing Company, distributors of RCA products and other household appliances in southern Michigan and northern Indiana; president of the South Bend Savings and Loan Bank; secretary-treasurer of the

Midwestern Alumni Chapter To Hold Banquet at St. Henry

CELINA, O.—The Midwestern Ohio Unit will hold a banquet this winter, it was decided at the autumn meeting of the chapter held in the K. of C. hall here.

The Rev. Joseph Otte, '27-'32, invited the Unit to hold the banquet meeting at St. Henry, O. The invitation was accepted, and the Executive Committee was asked to take charge of arrange-

ments.

The Rev. Cyril Knue, C.P.P.S., moved that the constitution, by-laws, and a list of members of the Midwestern Ohio Chapter be printed in book form. Lamonte Hoyng, '24-'27, seconded the motion. It carried.

The Rev. Ulrich Mueller, C.P.P.S., moved that a Requiem be read each year for deceased Alumni. The motion carried.

National Homes Finance Corporation, Chicago, and treasurer of the South Bend Industrial Foundation.

"The greatest thrill I ever experienced," Mr. Donahue said, "came when I returned a few Sundays ago to witness the football game between St. Joseph's and Xavier. It was thrilling not for the game alone, but to note what fine progress St. Joseph's has made.

"We people who are in the field of business sometimes feel that we make great progress and that our accomplishments are most noteworthy. But when we return to St. Joseph's and see the progress made by the Fathers and Brothers of the Precious Blood, and know what sacrifices they make by their great endowment of Flesh and Blood, then we know that the work we do is indeed small in comparison.

"It certainly was a great pleasure to see Brother David and Father Ildephonse, who I think is the greatest teacher of all time."

ALUMNUS WILLS KEEPS PLENTY IRON IN FIRE

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diocese of Fort Wayne. He is local attorney for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation; trustee at St. Patrick's Church, South Bend, and trustee of St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend.

The former president of the St. Joseph's Alumni Association is past president of the National Council of Catholic Men for the Diocese of Fort Wayne; past District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus; organizer and first president of the Catholic Youth Organization in St. Joseph's County, and former director, vice-president and attorney for the First National Bank and Union Trust Company, of South Bend.

Mr. Wills is the father of three children, two girls and a boy.

George Aug, '96-'98, is a dealer in dairy by-products in Cincinnati, Ohio.

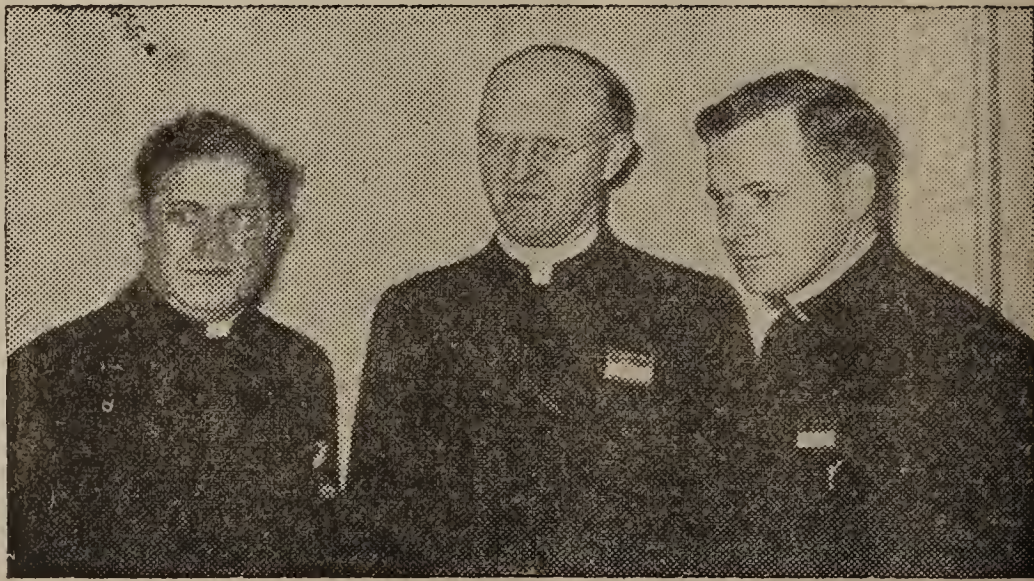
ALUMNUS ARRANGES CELEBRATION



(Courtesy Toledo Catholic Chronicle)

The silver jubilee celebration at St. James parish, Toledo, was in charge of the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Pessefall, '08-'14. Shown left to right are: the Rev. L. J. Mayle, former pastor at St. James; Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. S. Arnoldi, founder of the parish, and Father Pessefall, pastor of St. James since 1926.

HEADS CONFERENCE IN OHIO.



(Courtesy Our Sunday Visitor)

An Alumnus, the Rev. John E. Kuhn, '11-'17, was chairman of the fifth annual National Catechetical Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine held in Cincinnati. Father Kuhn, at right, is shown with the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, Mo., and the Rev. Stephen A. Leven, Tonkawa, Okla.